

PHANTOM LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

April 27, 2006
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Approved Minutes

Steve Barber, chairperson, called the meeting of the Phantom Lakes Management District to order at 7:08 p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Pete Kumlien, Steve Verduyn, Grace Graham, and Town of Mukwonago Representative David Dubey. Carol Fait and Waukesha County Representative Karen McNelly were excused. Present also were one resident and the Chairperson from Eagle Spring Lake Management District, Tom Day.

S. Barber acknowledged that the meeting was properly noticed.

Open Forum - There was none.

Announcements & Correspondence - S. Barber announced that P. Kumlien and he attended the W.A.L. Conference in Green Bay. He shared some of the observations with various individuals at the conference. He commented that all riparian owners should join the Wisconsin Association of Lakes; they help to protect our lakes and serve as their guardian. Learn more by calling 1-800-542-LAKE or visit their website at www.wisconsinlakes.org

S. Barber attended a presentation by Paula West from Minnesota Waters and he would like to determine how Minnesota is handling their Groundwater issues.

S. Barber also would like to organize Waukesha County Lakes Association. There are many statewide county lake associations but none in Waukesha County.

S. Barber spoke with Heidi Bunk and she is revising the Sensitive Areas to accommodate some of the concerns she received from riparian owners along Lakeside Drive. The District has received the Project Scope for a River Management Planning Grant for the Mukwonago River, Walworth and Waukesha Counties from SEWRPC. Approval of this will be discussed later in the meeting.

S. Barber and P. Kumlien requested that the Spring Monitoring Reports be published on the PLMD website.

A letter was distributed to Board members from Ruekert & Mielke to Mr. Dubey (Town of Mukwonago, Chairman) referencing the proposed easement for the turnaround at the west end of Wahl Avenue.

Tom Day was wondering if anything was mentioned at the Conference on the Conservation Congress vote on Slow-No-Wake 100 feet from all shorelines. S. Verduyn mentioned that even though there was support for it at the Spring Hearing it is going back for possible revisions to accommodate people living on rivers.

Other correspondences were from W.A. L. announcing that June is Invasive Species Month. Various solicitations were received from Wisconsin Lake and Pond Resources, Applied Ecological Services, Inc., and L.J. Reas Environmental Consulting Corp.

Secretary's Report - Motion made to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting on March 23, 2006, by D. Dubey. Second by S. Verduyn, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - S. Verduyn summarized the Treasurer's Report. The total bills to be paid were \$529.70 and total deposits of \$5,300.02. **Motion** made by P. Kumlien to approve and pay the bills. Second by G. Graham, motion carried. S. Verduyn gave a special thank you to the Town of Mukwonago for their donation of \$4,000.00.

Well Update - G. Graham talked to Eric Stein, public relations director at the Y Camp; he stated that the Municipal Well will not be taking place on camp property. S. Barber will contact John Jansen to see if there are any further developments with the Municipal Well.

Land Acquisition/Grant Update - The Board discussed the possible costs with attempting to acquire the Jay Ross property. The cost of clean-up and cost of land itself is more than what the District can afford. G. Graham made a **Motion** that the PLMD will not pursue the purchase of Jay Ross's property. Second by S. Verduyn, all were in favor, motion carried.

Delivery of Completed Lake Management Plan - S Barber indicated that Dr. Thornton says the Plan is "in the system" and should hopefully be delivered in May.

Groundwater Guardian Program - There were no updates.

Lake Monitoring Report - G. Krause reported that Richard Jenks has taken the initial water samples and that they have been sent to UWSP for analysis.

District Owned Property - The District owns a parcel of land by the dam on the Mukwonago River. The Village owns the dam and is responsible for it. This parcel is surrounded by the Village's property and, at one time, was owned by the Mukwonago Lakes Improvement Association (MLIA) which became the property of the PLMD when the MLIA became the PLMD. There are no additional costs for this property to remain the PLMD's and therefore shall remain as such. S. Barber will make adjustments at the Register of Deeds to have the deed reflect that change.

Joint Protection Grant Options - Tom Day shared with the Board that if the health of the Mukwonago River is improved or kept in good condition by this study, it will have an impact on the Phantom Lakes as they are downstream on the river. Also, this study can help the Municipalities to take into consideration areas that should not be developed along the Mukwonago River. The Board, by consensus, agreed to take part in this study with the help of grant funding, with a local share cost of \$3,500. P. Kumlien made a **Motion** to approve a resolution authorizing Steve Barber to act on behalf of the PLMD and apply for a River Protection/Planning Grant and take any necessary action to complete the Mukwonago River (Lower River Basin) study with a local share cost of \$3,500. Second by G. Graham, motion carried.

New Business

Harvesting Operations - Bob Pakulski will be overseeing the harvesting operations once again this year. He explained other expected costs at the beginning and end of each year. There will be some spring start up and fall shut down maintenance work to be expected each year in addition to the harvesting and maintenance throughout the summer. The harvester needs to be washed and cleaned, buoys need to be put in and out, as does the conveyor and then the winterizing of the harvester, etc. Other additional costs known at this time for this year will be windshield wipers for the truck and a pump for the harvester which could be installed directly on the harvester for washing it down. The pump would cost approximately \$500.00.

G. Graham offered to learn how to run the harvester if more help is needed. The PLMD may need one more full time harvester operator.

The storage building at the YMCA Camp looks like it is in fine condition and is in no need of any repairs. The Phantom Ranch Bible Camp would like us to harvest for them once again this year and, by consensus of the Board, agreed that their \$300.00 donation is sufficient.

Mr. Pakulski explained what happened on Pewaukee Lake with the City of Pewaukee assuming the weed-cutting on part of the lake. The Board would like to review the entire weed harvesting operation. Mr. Pakulski will check into the costs of what it would take to have someone else cut the weeds for a comparison study.

Mr. Pakulski stated the sites for weed disposal are Robert's Nursery, DeGrave's property, and Papa Steinke's.

At 8:47 p.m., G. Graham moved to adjourn, second by P. Kumlien, motion carried.

Regular Meeting - The board will meet **Thursday, May 25, 2006** at the Mukwonago Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Krause
Treasurer/Secretary Assistant